

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
For September 24, 2013

Meeting called to order: 7:10 p.m.

Attendees: Maureen Roach, Ken Bays, Randy Wilson and Mike James

Clerk: Randy Wilson

- I. Approved previous meeting minutes: Motion 1) Ken Bays 2) Mike James
- II. New Business:
 - A. As of the meeting date, 6 public safety surveys were received. The survey was sent last week to Tri-Valley School District parents to obtain their feedback regarding student safety in the Village. Maureen will compile the results and make the report available to everyone. It was decided to send an invitation to citizens to attend the next Police and Public Safety Committee meeting to allow citizens to provide their input regarding survey questions.
 - B. Committee members will contact local communities similar to the makeup and size of Downs and collect information regarding budgets and resources of local police departments. This information will help the committee determine resources and budgets needed for a fully functioning police department. Communities such as Stanford, Colfax, Danvers, Heyworth, Lexington and Hudson were discussed. The IL Association of Chiefs of Police will be assisting the committee with obtaining this information as well.
 - C. The committee will look at police ordinances of other communities such as Stanford. Discussed hiring a code enforcement officer during the interim period. The committee will look at Bloomington's codes.
 - D. Metcom will be contacted to obtain current reports from the county police to look for trends and patterns of county calls with the Village limits.
 - E. Maureen will recommend the board approve extending county coverage on weekends and evening hours.
 - F. Ken showed a PowerPoint on the procedures and complexities of seizing evidence.
 - G. Will request a speed trailer for both southbound and northbound traffic on Seminary Street to make drivers aware of their speed through town.
 - H. It was suggested Maureen contact Brent Wicks with the county to re-band the portable radio in the squad car.

I. Motion to adjourn meeting: 1) Ken Bays 2) Mike James. Motion carried.

Citizens are invited to attend the **next Police and Public Safety Meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 29th at 7 p.m., in the Village Hall** and provide your input regarding the future direction for police. Survey results will be shared at the meeting. Questions may be directed to Maureen Roach at 378-1477 or publicsafety@villageofdowns.org.

Anyone interested in serving on the committee may contact Maureen Roach with questions or concerns at 830-3606 or publicsafety@villageofdowns.org. Meetings are open to the public.